

# THE SWORD OF THE LORD

## and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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## Interesting Facts About The Fundamental Baptist Church In Dallas

1. Organized July 31st, 1932, in an open air revival at Tenth and Crawford, by the present pastor. Five years old next Saturday.

2. Began with sixty-six members, now has around 1,400.

3. Has never had a church budget or a regular salary for the pastor. The pastor is supported by free will offerings of the people designated for him. No church member is ever asked to sign a pledge card. The church does not have any personal solicitation for funds. People are taught to give "as God hath prospered" and "every one according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give." We believe that Christians ought to give proportionately, not less than a tithe, and give as the Holy Spirit leads them and to the glory of God.

4. No money has ever been raised by suppers, plays, admission charges, sales, or house to house canvassing. We believe the Bible way is the best way.

5. The large brick church building, 90 x 146 feet, including two story Sunday School section and an auditorium seating 1,500 has been built and paid for in cash. The lot costing \$5,250 is all paid for except about \$800.00.

6. The Sunday School uses the Bible only with no quarterlies or other literature. Christian literature has its place, but we believe in the Sunday School the Bible itself alone is far better. Every class studies the Bible only and goes straight through the Bible, taking from one to five chapters at a lesson. The resulting Bible knowledge far exceeds that learned in the average Sunday School. The Sunday School is departmentized and is steadily increasing in efficiency and numbers, making due allowances for the summer slump,

etc. By next summer, with better equipment, more class rooms and a cooler building (with ceiling by that time, God willing) we can face our difficulties better.

7. God has given wonderful peace and harmony in the church for which we thank God. As far as we recall, there has never been an angry voice raised in the church, never any major differences in opinion about church policies. If our memory is correct, there has not been more than three opposing votes on any matter passed by the church and in such cases prayer and Christian forbearance has been exercised and harmony and unity have prevailed. To the Lord belongs all the glory since all of us are weak and frail.

8. Soul winning comes first in the policy of the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle. We do not practice it as much as we ought, yet we thank God for His mercies. We estimate there have been 6,000 or 7,000 professions of faith through the work of this church in the five years. In one six-months period there were 1,005 professions of faith of which a record was kept. People are saved in revivals, in the Sunday services, in the Sunday School, in jail services, park services, and in the hospitals and in personal soul winning. Certain workers in the church go to the city jail every Sunday afternoon at one and others to the Parkland Hospital every Monday evening. Services are held in the county jail about once a month. Often in the summer time services are held in Marsalis Park Zoo which have resulted in conversions. The young preachers in the church win souls in many places.

9. The church supports the varied ministry of its pastor. *(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)*

## Diseased, Decaying Bodies With Undying Maggots And Unquenched Fire In Hell

Sermon By John R. Rice Preached Sunday Night, July 18. Stenographically Reported.

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God has to be able to point to His Son and say, "My dear Son, my beloved Son. You suffered what torments for the souls of men; You suffered the torment and condemnation of the cross. You suffered the spitting and the shame; You suffered the torments of all Hell for sinning men and women!" Then God will say, "My dear Son Jesus, come and look down into Hell and see the men getting what they deserve when they spit in

Your face and beat Your back and nailed You to the cross and stuck the spear in Your side and laughed while You died! See also the multiplied billions who would have done it had they lived then and who rejected You as Saviour!"

These people are to be tormented in the lake of fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. Hell will be an awful place in the very presence of the Jesus you hate, in the presence of the Saviour you rejected. Go on away if you will. Tonight this is not mercy I am preaching. This is judgment, and it is time for judgment to be preached. You will face the wrath of an angry God whose Son you outraged and whose Holy Spirit you insulted, whose offers of mercy you rejected, whose shed blood you trampled under feet and you will suffer the fire of the wrath of God through the endless years in Hell, if you continue to reject Him. Sinners, will you not take salvation?

I do not rejoice in Hell, but I rejoice that God offers mercy. I know God is honored in the punishment of sinners who will not have mercy, and who will not listen to rebuke.

### Literal Maggots and Disease Germs Will Infest Human Bodies In Hell!

Is there literal fire? Yes, and more than that, I am about to mention a thing I never heard anybody preach on in my life. I say there are literal worms in Hell! The more I study it, the more reasonable it becomes that it must be. The Scripture mentions it three different times. The first is in the fourteenth chapter of Isaiah, the Scripture says about the Man of sin that he is going to be covered in worms! We read in Revelation again, the nineteenth chapter, verse twenty, and we find that the Man of sin is going to be cast alive into the lake of fire. Now then in Isaiah fourteen the Scripture says about him: "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations." Everybody in Hell has looked up and there is the Antichrist himself being cast into Hell, the man who is Satan incarnate in the flesh who had all the power of the devil and who ruled the whole world. There is the man who got his armies ready and thought he could whip Jesus Christ in the Battle of Armageddon. The people in Hell look as the only man left who they think might help them is cast down and they say, "Are you coming down to Hell, too?" Listen now.

"All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee."

This Man of sin is not just buried, for the Scriptures says he will be cast alive into the lake of fire, never to die yet never to live, an eternal death. Then verse nineteen says: "But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch (not let him even

be buried) and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial" (not let you be buried). Now notice, "Thy pomp is brought down to the grave." They will bury your pomp and glory but they will not bury you. You are brought down to Hell. They will stop all the musical instruments and the bands you had with you in the army of two hundred million men. Here is a man, the Antichrist, the man of sin, who will have been a world dictator, going to Hell, and when he gets in Hell the worms will cover him! Literal worms will cover his decaying flesh and the poor, lost man in the fire of Hell will be tormented by the gnawing of maggots and disease and decay that sin eventually brings to every sinner! It will be there in Hell. That is what the Bible said, worms. The Bible said worms! That isn't all. Turn to Isaiah, chapter sixty-six. This time it says again real worms. It says the same thing Jesus said in the New Testament.

"And as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain."

"And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."

"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched: and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh" (Isa. 66:22-24).

Now they are going to be tormented in the presence of the Lamb and of the holy angels and people shall go by there and see them, too, "for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched: and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."

Somebody said, "I can't see how a man with a physical body could live in Hell." But wait a minute. You remember that the Hebrew children did when they were cast into the fiery furnace and they didn't have even the smell of fire on their garments. You see, then, a person can live in Hell as God said they will. They could be alive in fire and not be burned up, couldn't they? The Hebrew children were, and a man in Hell will be, too. Don't charge God because you don't know something, just because there is something you don't understand. There are several things you don't understand, but they are still true. There is a lot you don't understand. You don't understand how a man can take a glider and someone give him a little shove and the glider will go up like a kite and not have an engine in it, not anything pulling it, and float, and go for 158 miles. One man has already done that, floating in the air in a glider, not a balloon, just wings, no motor, no propeller. You don't understand that but it has already happened! There is no doubt about it being so. You don't understand how one can turn a switch and the electricity will go

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## "I Want Them To Read The Sermon On 'The Last Judgment'"

From Mississippi comes a fine letter as follows:

"Please send 'The Sword of the Lord' to the following names and addresses and date them back to July 9th. I want them to read the sermon on 'The Last Judgment.' That sermon sent me right down on my knees, and how I did try to pray for everybody the whole world over. My, my! What a sermon. If I wasn't a Christian, after reading that sermon I surely would be trying to be one. It is impossible for me to find words in the English language to express to you the blessings I get from reading your paper. And pray with me that these people I am sending this paper to will read it."

Our burden is lighter when we find that there are some driven to their knees in prayer by the sermons in *The Sword of the Lord*. Won't you, too, "try to pray for everybody the whole world over"? Won't you try to help us get out the gospel to every creature? The subscriptions this friend sent have been enrolled, beginning with the issue of July 9th with the sermon on *The Last Judgment*. May the dear Lord use it and other ser-

mons to convict and save many sinners who get the papers for the year.

We praise the Lord for subscriptions that are coming in. Only a few short days remain. Get your subscriptions in the mail by midnight, August 2nd. If in any case this paper does not reach you by August 2nd, then you may do it the same day the paper arrives. We must close this half-price subscription offer. Between now and August 2nd let us have thousands of other subscriptions. For the next year we pledge the very finest paper we can put out with the best Bible teaching and preaching and devotional articles the Lord will help us to write and print from other sources.

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So we invite Christian friends from far and near to meet with us next Sunday in Dallas. Morning, afternoon and night we will have special services celebrating the blessings God has given us, making new resolutions and declaring again our faith in the Word of God and in the great fundamentals of the faith. Basket lunch will be provided for everybody at 1 P. M. in the Sunday School section. There will be plenty of ice water at the drinking fountain all day. Those who wish will bring basket lunch and we will spread them together.

Visiting preachers will speak in the afternoon, there will be reports and fellowship and praises from a number of other pastors and churches. There will be an ordination service when Rev. Leonard Barnes will be set apart officially to the gospel ministry in a Scriptural manner with examination, prayer and laying on of hands. We are sure this will prove of great interest to all the public. There will be special music and testimonies. The general public is invited to be with us throughout the happy day.



## Diseased, Decaying Bodies With Undying Maggots And Unquenched Fire In Hell

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through the wire and make a light. You can't understand that but it is so. You can't understand how one can just turn a little switch and some way get out of the air, out of the ether, get a voice. You can hear me every Sunday morning on the radio. I do not know how, and the best electricians do not know. They talk about ether waves, but

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they don't know whether it is ether or not. They just know they have learned how to get the voice. I don't know why or how, I just know it works that way. A man will be in fire in Hell, tormented forever, and yet he doesn't burn up. He will have worms eating on his body, sores on his body, venereal diseases and cancer and all the diseases and infirmities, cataracts on the eyes, getting deaf, and there will be no healing, no redemption, nothing but eternal old age, eternal sickness, eternal suffering! And all the things sin brings in this life will be brought on a million times more in Hell because of sin! Yes, there are worms in Hell, intestinal worms, tape worms in Hell. Worms never did bother man in the Garden of Eden. Worms never did bother man until sin came in. Flesh worms came with sin. Worms, maggots, pests, disease germs were brought on as a result of sin. Do you believe Adam in the Garden of Eden had decayed teeth, had bad eyes, had to wear glasses, had venereal disease, small pox, influenza or leprosy? No, he didn't. Where did man get them then? He got them because of sin when the ground was cursed because of sin, when God said, "You will have to work for your living and earn bread by the sweat of your face." Sin brings trouble. Sin brought trouble, and to the woman God said, "Thy de-

sire shall be to thine husband and he shall rule over thee," "child-birth will be a time of suffering and sorrow to you." All of that is because of sin.

A man who is saved will get a new body when Jesus comes. Did you hear me on the radio this morning when I told how here not very long ago with my wife and children I went out to a cemetery in Cooke County close to Gainesville. Now in that cemetery where the weeds are growing, in that country cemetery, I looked down on the grave with a few shells on it where my mother lies buried. My mind went back to the time when I was a boy hardly six years old and somebody held an umbrella over us—it is strange how I remember that—my father reached out one arm around two little boys, and another arm around two little girls, four motherless children, babies. My father bowed his head in grief as they laid away the form of my dear mother in that little grave. Oh, good bye, mother. These have been lonely years without her. When I see her, she will not be frail and worn as she was when she went away. The dread white plague had left her skin transparent. But no more. My mother will be new and young with the bride-look she had when she married my father! And I will see my father. He will not be old and burdened. He will not have a weak heart and the decrepities of age that were on him as he was when he drove to Duke, Oklahoma, where he was taken suddenly sick and died in two hours' time. When he comes out of the grave he will have a resurrected body, a glorified body, a redeemed body, a saved body. That is part of salvation. Somebody says, "Brother Rice, do you believe healing is in the atonement?" Certainly it is! I haven't gotten mine yet, but I will when Jesus comes, for the Bible said, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:22, 23). My body is to be redeemed, too. That was paid for on the cross. That is what saved people get.

But the devil's crowd don't get that. The same old decaying body will be dragged out, the same old body subject to decay, the same old body with disease, with failing heart yet never stop beating, insane mind and no hope of being brought back but will live on in a living second death, or the same old body with cancer.

I saw a man the other day whose nose had been nearly eaten away with cancer. Every day he had to have a fresh dressing on it. Oh, I pitied him, but thank God, he said he was a Christian. I would see him nearly every night before I preached. I would see that man with the white bandage covering his nose. One day, thank God, when he is caught up to meet Jesus and the body is transformed and glorified, he will not have that tormenting, gnawing cancer. He won't have the awful decay of a cancer when Jesus comes and changes that vile body, for the body will be saved, redeemed, be adopted and have salvation in the body.

But what about the lost man? The lost man who has cancer, and dies, and in the grave his body rots away. After a while, after Jesus comes and reigns a thousand years, then the doomed will be dragged out of Hell and their bodies will come out of the graves and they will be caught up to meet Jesus. This is the second resurrection. It is of lost people. It will not be a new, glorious, happy and purified body, but that same wicked old body. The rich man in Hell had a heart that was not redeemed. He still loved his brothers and wanted his brothers kept out of Hell, but he didn't repent of his sins. It didn't do any good, especially, but he said, "Oh, my brothers, my brothers!" He loved his brothers when he died, and he loved them when he went to Hell. He was the same man exactly. The man in Hell without Christ was unchanged. When he gets his body, his decaying body, his sinning body, it will be an unchanged, sinful body, a cursed body, a diseased

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body, a body with maggots and decay.

The fire is a picture of the wrath of God and the worms gnawing are the inevitable result of your own sin!

Oh, sin is a horrible thing. Men do not realize it, men do not believe it, yet it is true. In Mark the ninth chapter we are told that if your hand offends you, cut it off. It is better to enter into life having one hand than having two hands to be cast into Hell fire, "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." And He said, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out; it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." Or, he said, "If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell." I would rather

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*Sword of the Lord* which he publishes with help from individuals results in many conversions. About a quarter of a million of his pamphlets have been scattered throughout the world, one of them in three languages, two or three others in two languages. These booklets have resulted in several hundred conversions. The pastor has the names of over 500 who have signed the decision slip in the booklet, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* The church supports its pastor also in revivals several months of the year. Many of these are mission places. Hundreds of souls are saved each year through this ministry made possible by this loyal, faithful, praying church. In the five years hundreds of radio services have been supported with blessings that can only be measured in Heaven. We do not love the Lord like we ought nor win souls as we should, but we reaffirm our belief that soul winning is the main business of the church and commit ourselves anew to this holy business with the blessing of God.

10. The Fundamentalist Baptist Church stands four square for all the great fundamentals of the faith. We believe in (a) verbal inspiration of the Bible as given in the original manuscripts, (b) in the deity, virgin birth, blood atonement and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, (c) that all men are sinners and must be born again to be saved, (d) in salvation by grace through penitent faith, not of works, (e) We believe in the eternal security of a believer; (f) in the eternal blessing of the saved in Heaven and the eternal torment of the unconverted in Hell. (g) We believe in the premillennial coming of Christ. (h) We believe also in brotherly love and in the power of the Holy Spirit as necessary to soul winning and victory and peace in the Christian life.

We have no part in modern "isms" and heresies such as ultra-dispensationalism (sometimes called Bullingerism), in Anti-Semitism (opposition to Jews), in speaking in tongues, sinless perfection doctrine, women preachers, British-Israelism, etc.

In other words, we believe the whole Bible and we try to follow the pattern of New Testament churches in doctrine, life and practice.

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#### The Man Who Couldn't Die

What are the worms? Sin always brings decay of the body. I knew fellows when I was in the army who laughed at the warnings of the doctors and went on in sin and were eaten up with terrible disease. It was bad. It was terrible. The suffering of it was bad. I know one boy that went insane. He was in the base hospital at Camp McArthur, Waco. It was part of my job to watch six hours out of every two days, and that was enough, I tell you now. From midnight until six in the morning I stood guard with a gun in the "nut ward" of the base hospital. Some one would say, "Harry, sing for us," and he would start out to sing. One of the songs I remember he used to sing was

"I'm sorry, dear, so sorry, dear. I'm sorry —

and he would lose the trend of it and his eyes would go wild. Somebody would tell him a few more words and he would start up again. His mind was all gone. Oh, poor Harry! I sat by his cot one night,

with an Enfield rifle across my knees. I was there as guard because he was criminally insane. I saw his eyes stare around. He sat up on the side of his cot, he said to me, "You go and get a drink and leave your gun against the wall just a minute. Go and get a drink, won't you? Nobody will blame you. I won't hurt anybody else." Finally he broke out, "Pity me! Pity me! Oh, pity me! Why don't you shoot me? Doesn't anybody care about my torment?"

"You hush, be quiet, or I will call the nurse and she will put you in a straightjacket."

Oh, the poor insane boy! Sin brought on the trouble. It brings to men trouble: a diseased body, unsettling of reason, the torment of conscience! I remember one time he sat there on the edge of his cot, couldn't get sleep, couldn't get a weapon, no way to commit suicide. He had great patches where he was bald, the hair had been pulled out, literally pulled out by the handful, in his misery. Often they had to tie his hands. I saw him put his thumbs on his eyes and press until with a yell of horror I grabbed his hands and pulled them away! Poor insane man! That is what sin will do! The unsettled reason, the insane mind, the decayed body, the ruined soul, the torment of a demented soul who groaned and wished he were dead. What if he were in Hell? It would be the same way and he couldn't die. Oh, Hell is a mad house and people are torment-

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## Diseased Bodies and Fire In Hell

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ed by gnawing worms, tormented by the results of sin!

I don't know much about Hell but it is a place of sin, a place where people are against God, people are rebellious and love sin. A man who goes to hell, an adulterer, will still love adultery. I don't know whether he can indulge or not, maybe so, but Hell will be worse if he does. The drunkard will thirst for booze, though he may not be able to drink booze. If so it will make it worse for him. In Hell they love booze, love sin, and hate the things that are right and love the things that are wrong. Hell is a place for sinners who still sin, a place for sinners with physical bodies who still sin, an inevitable place where decaying bodies, disease germs, gnawing worms and maggots will make it eternal torment, day after night and night after day with the smoke of their torment ascending. It will be a place of literal worms, of literal fire, eternal torment for those who choose sin instead of righteousness, who choose Hell instead of Heaven, a place prepared for the devil and his angels. Every man that ever went to Hell broke his way in and wouldn't let God save him. Hell is a horrible place, but it is a real place of torment. You do not believe God would fix a place like that? You are fixing your own place. Did you ever see a man sin in this world and get venereal disease? In this life you see what sin will do for man. Did you ever see a man go on and sin and sin and sin and lose his mind? I have seen that, sure. Did you ever see a man go on and sin and sin and land in the penitentiary? One man told me who had just come back from the penitentiary. "I have had five years in Hell!" You had better look out. You don't know what Hell is like! You had better get right with God. Thank God, he was later saved.

Any where a man is left to sin, sin will make its own Hell. Bro. Simmons, God doesn't have to make a Hell. Give a man sin and he will make his own Hell. Don't blame it on God. You are just reaping what you did yourself. The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Hell is the "second death." That isn't all. "Be sure your sin will find you out." That is so. Hell is just your sin catching up with you. You go on in sin and you will have pain and anguish. Sin always brings grief, trouble, hate. Sin brings a diseased body. And that is what you will have in Hell, a diseased body, eaten by maggots, cursed by sin! Yes, you will!

I have sometimes seen people in hospitals so diseased, I pitied the doctors and nurses who must go around with the odor of decayed bodies, see people suffering terrible things. That is what it will be like in Hell.

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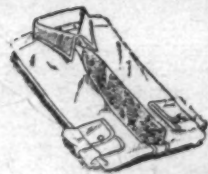
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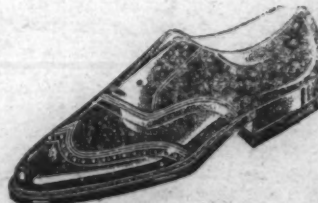
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